Neither any representation for shifting of Dimapur station from the existing site has been received nor the Railway has felt the necessity of shifting the same.

Extension of broad gauge line from Guwahati to Tinsukhia

1798. SHRI KHYOMO LOTHA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for extension of broad gauge line from Guwahati to Tinsukhia *via* Dimapur; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons for delay in taking up the work?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) A Survey for extension of broad gauge line from Guwahati to Tinsukhia and Dibrugarh *via* Dimapur was carried out and proposal sent to the Planning Commission for approval. The Commissin did not clear the proposal due to constraint of resources and heavy commitments already on hand and suggested upgradation of the existing MG line. The Commission has, however, formed a working group to identify railway projects to be taken up in the North-East Region during the VIII Plan. Extension of BG from Guwahati to Tinsukhia and Dibrugarh is one of the proposals to be considered. No further action can be taken up till the proposals are finalised and approved.

Improvement of runway and terminal of Dimapur Airport

1799. SHRI KHYOMO LOTHA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the runway and terminals at Dimapur Airport need immediate improvement; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons for delay in taking up the work in hand and by when it is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Computer for booking air passage at Dimapur city

1800. SHRI KHYOMO LOTHA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that computer for booking air passage at Dimapur city office is not available at present; and

(b) if so, by when it is likely to be installed to encourage and meet air booking facilities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Indian Airlines is pursuing with the Post and Telegraph authorities for providing a data circuit to enable Dimapur station to be connected to the Central Reservation System with computer (CRT) capability.

Congestion at air booking city office Dimapur

1801. SHRI KHYOMO LOTHA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Air Booking City office at Dimapur is very congested and too small to house the air passengers;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the environment in the office is very bad and shabby; and

(c) if the answer to parts (a) and (b) above be in the affirmative, what steps